from State Bank of India to take over. Purbanchal Bank Limited xi its subsidiary bank. However the question of the future let up of the Purbanchal Bank Limited which is at present under orders *of* moratorium upto 20-5-1990 including *inter-alia* making it :* subsidiary of State Bank of India is under consideration of the Government in consultation with Reserve Bank of India.

Appointments of Judges in High Courts and the Suprme Court

359. SHRl PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased fo state:

(a) the number of vacancies of Judges in the various High Courts and in the Supreme Court at present;

(b) the number of such appointments that were olcareo by the previous' Goveinment befoteivdeputing office but wherein the Presidential orders were not issued; and

(c) how many out of these have been referred back by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) The requisite information is given in the attached statement. *(See* below)

(b) and (c) Proposals for appointment of 15 persons were in an advanced stage of consideration when further pioocssmx had to be deferred by the previous Government as the Notification calling for General Elections had issued.

Out of these 15 proposals' 13 were subsequently referred back to the State authorities as one or more of the Constitutional functionaries concerned had changed.

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Position as on 1-3-1990.

I High Court	Sanctioned strength	Number of vacancies
	60	14
2. Andhra Pradesh	26	9
t. Bombay	54	7
5. Delhi.. .	44	4
	27 13	*6 I*
	21 6	
7. Gujarat	7	*9* 2
f. Himachal Prades	25	2 6
9. Jammu *St*	26	
Kashmir	30	
11. Kerala	25	2
	14	a
	35	5
	23	1
15. Patna .	23	S
16. Punjab *St* Haryai	3	I
17. Rajasthan .		
	462	94
	26	1